

WARDLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL




ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR
1957

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR, 1957.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wardle Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health and Mortality of your district during 1957.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

(i) Area in Acres	3,193
(ii) Population 1951 Census	4,893
Registrar-General's Estimate of resident population 1957	4,520
(iii) Number of inhabited houses at end of 1956, according to the rate book	1,459
(iv) Rateable value	£51,072
(v) Sum represented by a penny rate	£200
(vi) <u>Industries</u> - The chief industries carried out in the area are:- cotton and woollen manufacturing. silk weaving, wallpaper printing, dairy farming and light engineering	
(vii) <u>Unemployment</u> - There was no unemployment worthy of mention during the year.	

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
LIVE BIRTHS:			
Legitimate	61	28	33
Illegitimate	4	2	2
STILL BIRTHS:			
Legitimate	3	2	1
DEATHS OF INFANTS:			
Under 1 year of age:			
Legitimate	1	-	1
Under 4 weeks of age:			
Legitimate	1	-	1

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population

Crude	13.5
Adjusted	12.3

Still Births:-

Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births 16

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Deaths	51	19	32

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population

Crude	11.3
Adjusted	7.9

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 total births 16

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births Nil

Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 16

Death from Cancer (all ages) 11

Death from Measles (all ages) 0

Death from Whooping Cough (all ages) 0

Death from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 0

	Live Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Rate of Death under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births.	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births.
Year 1956	10.1	13.4	33	16
Year 1957	13.5	11.3	16	47
Change	+ 3.4	2.1	- 17	+ 31

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Smallpox.

No cases of Smallpox occurred in 1957.

Scarlet Fever.

No case of Scarlet Fever was reported during the year.

Diphtheria.

Again there were no cases.

Enteric Fever.

No cases.

Whooping Cough.

Only 4 cases were notified.

Measles.

49 cases of measles reported.

Puerperal Pyrexia.

No cases were notified.

Erysipelas.

No case to report.

Tuberculosis.

1 new case was notified from the Urban District.

Anthrax.

No cases.

Poliomyelitis.

None.

Sonne Dysentery.

4 cases were notified from Birch Hill Hospital.

TABLE I

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1957 (including cases notified from Birch Hill)

	Total cases at all ages	Total cases notified					Total deaths & removed to Hospital from District.	Death in Hospital of persons belonging to District.			
		Years									
		0-1	1-3	3-5	5-10	10-15			15-25	25-45	45-over
Smallpox.....	0										
Scarlet Fever.....	0										
Diphtheria (including membranous croup).....	0										
Enteric or Typhoid Fever (excluding Paratyphoid) ..	0										
Paratyphoid Fever.....	0										
Measles (excluding Rubella).....	49	12	15	22							
Whooping Cough.....	4	1	2				1				
Acute Pneumonia.....	0										
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	0										
Cerebro-spinal Fever.....	0										
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	0										
Acute Polio-Encephalitis.....	0										
Acute Encephalitis.....	0										
Lethargica.....	0										
Dysentery.....	0										
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	0										
Erysipelas.....	0										
Malaria.....	0										
Food Poisoning.....	0										
Anthrax.....	0										
Meningococcal Infection...	0										
Tuberculosis Respiratory..	1								1		
Dysentery Sonne	4			2	1		1				
	58	-	12	16	26	1	-	2	1	-	-

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED in 1957 apart from Tuberculosis were 57 as compared with 10 in 1956. A comparative table is shown below:-

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Measles	0	49
Whooping Cough	9	4
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0
Dysentery (Sonne)	0	4
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0
	<u>10</u>	<u>57</u>

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN 1957:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Cancer	5	6
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	1	9
Heart Diseases	8	9
Diseases of circulatory system	1	0
Pneumonia	0	3
Branchitis	2	0
Respiratory diseases	0	1
Other ill defined diseases	2	3
	<u>19</u>	<u>31</u>

I am chiefly indebted for the information regarding un-notifiable diseases, to the returns of sickness in schools supplied to me by the Schools Attendance Officer.

I should like to express my appreciation of the efficient assistance given to me by Mr. E.K. Gration and Mr. W. Oldham.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

DONALD G. MACGILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

December, 1958.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1957

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE WARDLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

For the year 1957 I have to report as follows:-

GENERAL SURVEY.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No complaints about the quality of the effluent were received during the year. The structure of the detritus tanks did worsen during the year and arrangements to drain to Rochdale for treatment are well advanced

The sewers throughout the area have been sufficient at all times and again I can report a trouble-free year as far as the two syphons in Dyehouse Lane are concerned. The Ejector caused no trouble.

The sewers were treated for rats twice during the year and post-baiting showed no infestation.

Infectious Diseases.

No disinfections were needed during the year as only Whooping Cough cases were reported.

House Refuse

House refuse was removed on 40 occasions during the year, and disposed of by controlled tipping at Ashbrook. Nightsoil from pails is also collected in a tank and poured into the sewer. No rat or fly infestation has occurred

Slaughterhouses.

4 slaughterhouses are now licensed, and are used regularly without complaint.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE
OR IN PART.

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	314	513	2	1,169	93	Nil
Number inspected	314	513	2	1,061	93	Nil
All diseases except Tuber- culosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	8	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	1.6%	1.6%	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis only:-						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	18	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspec- ted affected with tuber- culosis	1%	3.2%	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis:-						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The standard of animals slaughtered was good and the incidence of disease was reasonable.

Shops

Meat shops continue to maintain good standard and on the whole the small house and shop traders have kept abreast with the times and introduced refrigerators in greater numbers. Bakehouses are attached to three shops, and have maintained a good standard.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Only 3% of the houses in the district have to rely on wells or springs for their water supply. The remaining 97% have a piped supply which is sufficient and suitable for all domestic purposes.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no extensions during the year and the properties still unsewered are either outlying or low lying and are unconnected for economical or engineering reasons.

A scheme for the treatment of Wardle sewage at the Rochdale Corporation Sewage Works was planned to be completed in 1958.

Rivers and Streams.

The River Roch continues to be polluted. The improvement noted last year has been maintained.

Closet Accommodation.

The contribution payable by the Council as an inducement to owners to convert obsolete closets to fresh water flush type is £8 for each pail closet and £4 for each waste water closet.

Smoke Abatement.

3 observations were taken during the year and none exceeded three minutes black smoke emission. A considerable improvement.

Schools.

The three schools in the district are maintained in good order.

Housing.

32 two bedroom Council flats were completed in 1957.

2 houses were closed under the Housing Acts, as unfit for human habitation. By the end of the year 5 Clearance Orders for the demolition of 18 houses had been completed and all families except one re-housed.

TABLE II

Closet Accommodation

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1950</u>
Privy Middens	28	28	55
No. of closets attached to Middens	24	26	55
No. of pail closets	64	74	156
No. of dry ashpits	4	4	9
No. of ashbins	1,316	1,295	473
No. of houses on water carriage system	1,022	994	444

During the year there were conversions as follows:-
2 to fresh water flush closet from waste water closet.

TABLE III

Inspections, 1957

	<u>Visits or</u> <u>Inspections</u>	<u>Defects</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Housing	110	30	23
Factories	58	0	0
Food Premises	46	0	0
Slaughterhouses	337	0	0
Bakehouses	12	0	0
Nuisance & others	729	154	149
	<u>1,292</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>172</u>

I wish to place on record my appreciation for the help of Mr E.K. Gration, Clerk of the Council, and the staff, for the ready and willing help on all occasions.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

W. OLDHAM,

Public Health Inspector.

TABLE IV.

List of Acts and Sections
thereof adopted by the Wardle Urban
District Council

1. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 (Part III).
Adopted 15th May, 1891.
2. Infectious Diseases Notification Act, 1889.
Adopted 6th April, 1899
3. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. Parts II
and III (excepting S.48) IV and V. Operative
from 5th October, 1911.
4. Private Street Works Act, 1892. Operative from 5th
October, 1911.
5. Notification of Births Act, 1907. Operative from
13th October, 1914.
6. Public Health Act, 1925 (Parts II, III and IV).
Operative from 31st January, 1927.
7. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923.
Adopted 2nd August, 1934.
8. Local Government and other Officers Superannuation
Act, 1922. Adopted 1st April, 1938.
9. Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act,
1951, Sections 13 and 14. Adopted 20th November,
1951.
10. Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Section 14 24th November,
1952.
11. Clean Air Act, 1956, Section 24. August, 1957.

OBSERVATIONS AS TO THEIR ADMINISTRATION:- Good.